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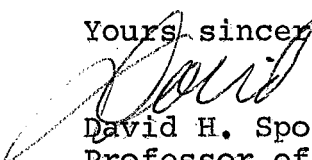
Dear Henry:

I have no doubt that by this time you have seen George Mann's screed in "Cardiovascular Reviews and Reports". Irrespective of the quality of his data the tone of his letter is on the order of those who shout so loud one cannot hear what they are saying. As you are probably well aware, I am all for a bit of humor and, indeed, irony, but sarcasim and ad hominem "discussion" ("Blackburn is an inveterate data selector") are out of bounds in any serious discussion.

Now to more pleasant things. I want to thank you again for the extensive analysis and critique of my paper on controlled clinical trials that you supplied last year. I first offered it to Simon Dack at the American Journal of Cardiology, since it had arisen from my debate at the San Francisco meeting. Simon was willing to take a manuscript cut from 22 to 8 pages so I looked elsewhere with exactly the same result---too long. Finally I submitted it to the Green Journal (the first time I have sent them anything) and the reviewers were most kind, though they obliged me to remove a small section ("the behavioral case") and the editor, Dr. Antenucci, telephoned just this week to tell me it is accepted. I am going to try to expand the manuscript on the behavioral problems of physicians and attempt to get in into a large circulation journal. So, many thanks for helping out with that one.

I hope that this finds 1982 a happy and successful year for you and look forward to meeting you in Sicily this spring.

Yours sincerely,


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